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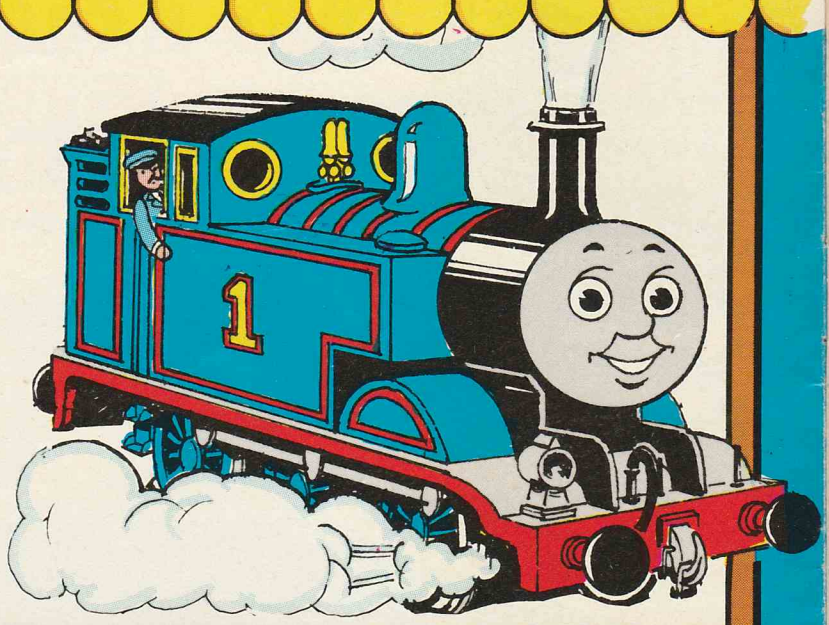
THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! Henry the Green Engine is one of the oldest engines that work on the Island of Sodor. He can remember many years ago when workman had come to plant tiny trees into the hillside – now they have grown into a fine forest! But one day, Henry hears a strange, sawing sound coming from the forest! Whatever can it be? Peep! Peep!



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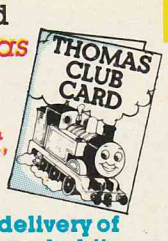

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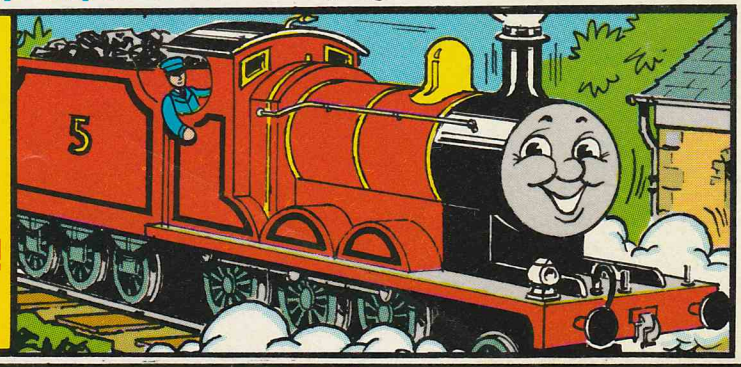

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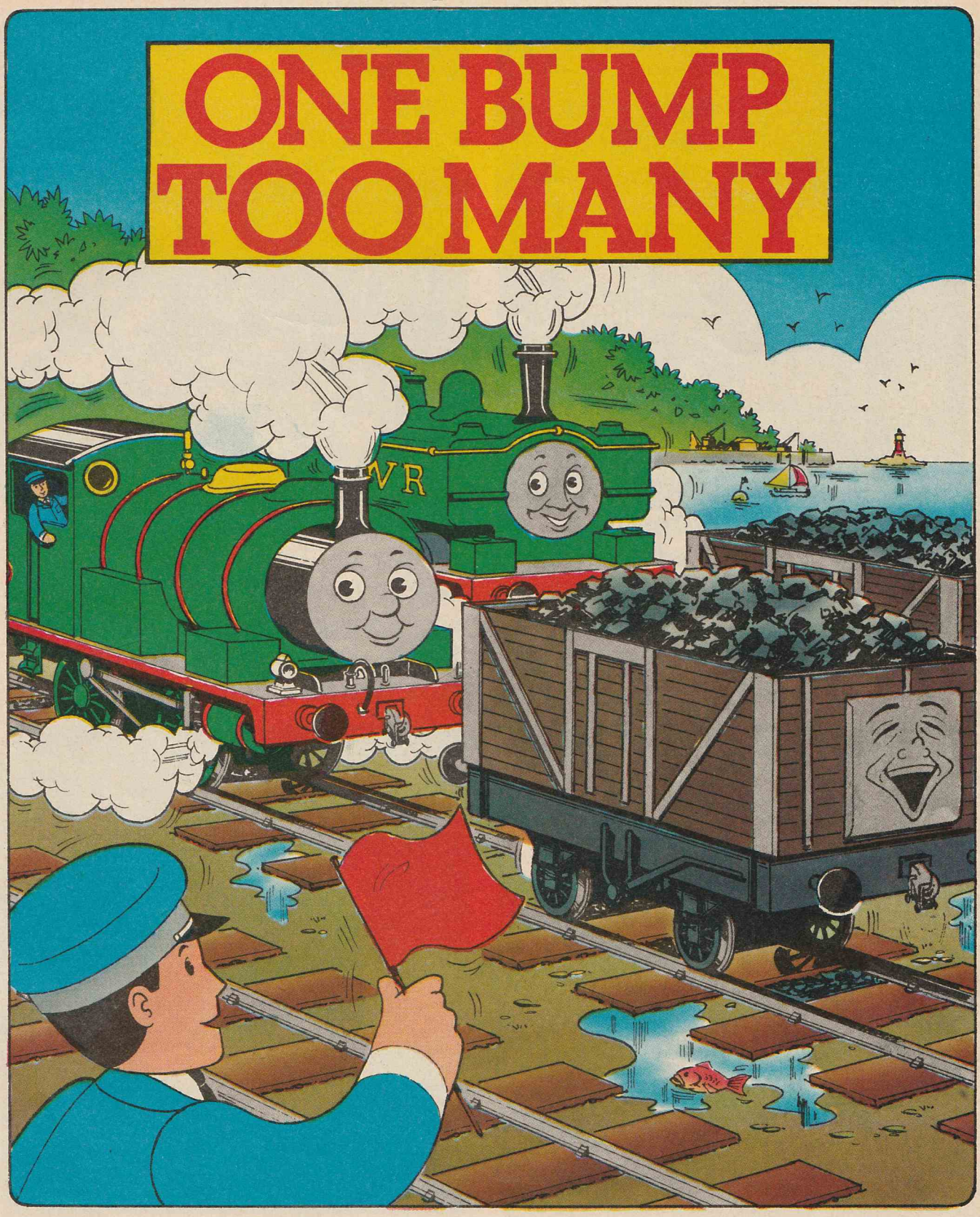
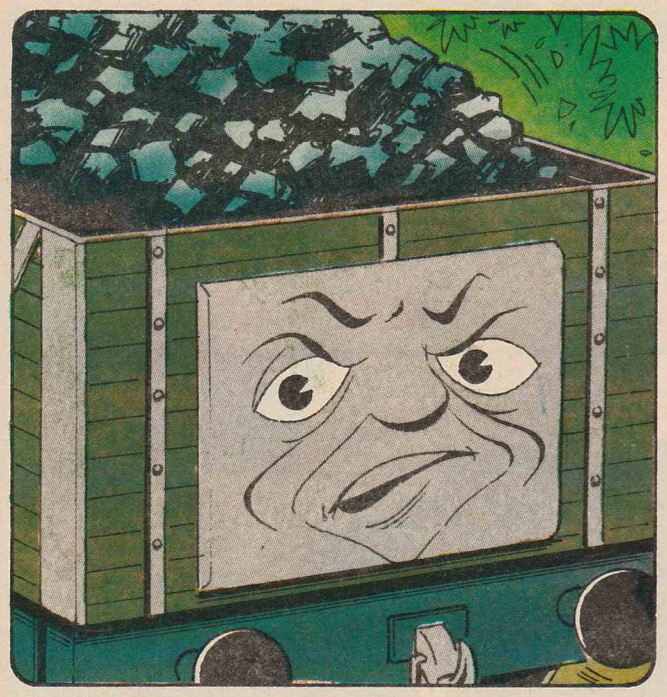
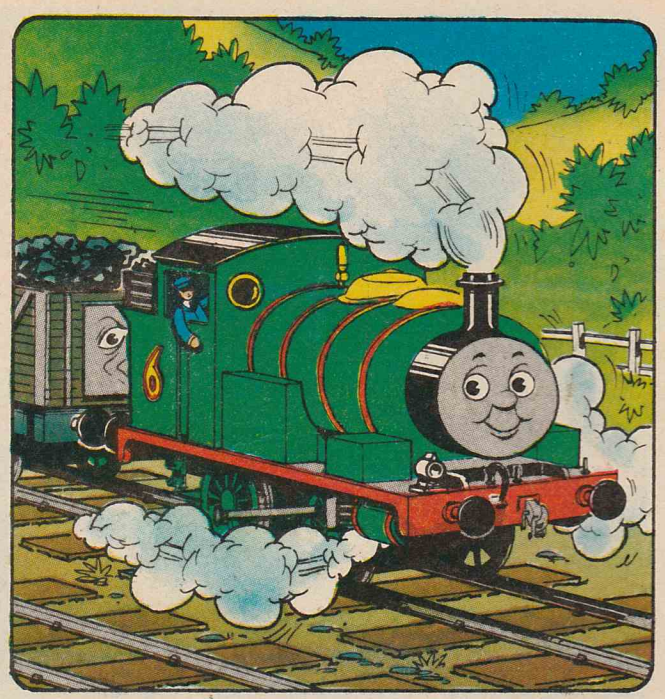


1. Percy and Duck work in the Big Harbour yard on the Island of Sodor. Every day they shunt their trucks to be loaded and unloaded from the big ships which come in.

2. Now, everybody knows that trucks can be trouble-some. They never seem to want to go in the direction they are supposed to be going.

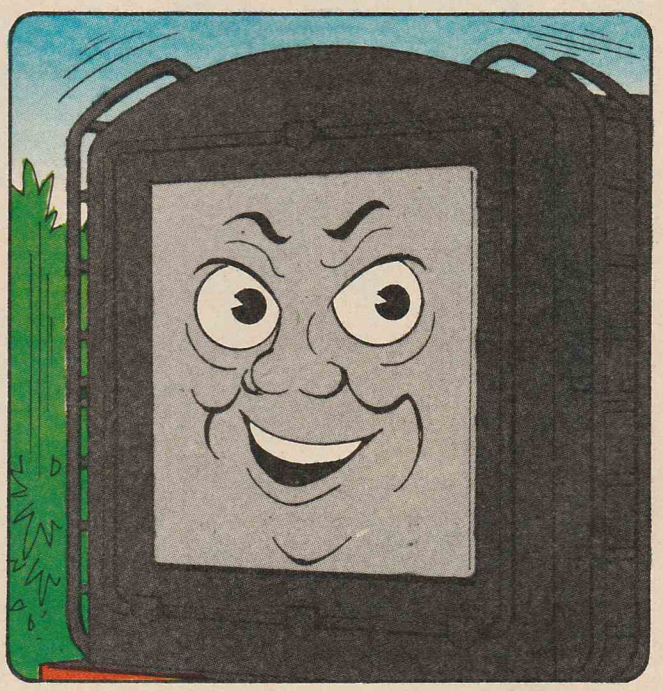


3. Trucks are tiresome to even the kindest of engines. Trucks will jam their brakes on so they can't be moved. Or they'll go very suddenly pushing on much too fast!

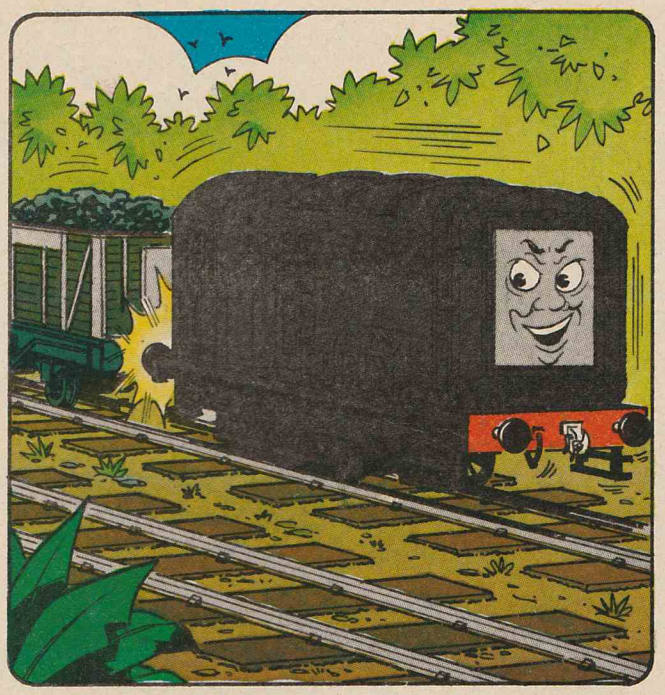


4. Percy and Duck are kind engines. They do their best not to lose their tempers with the trucks. They only bump them when everything else has failed already.

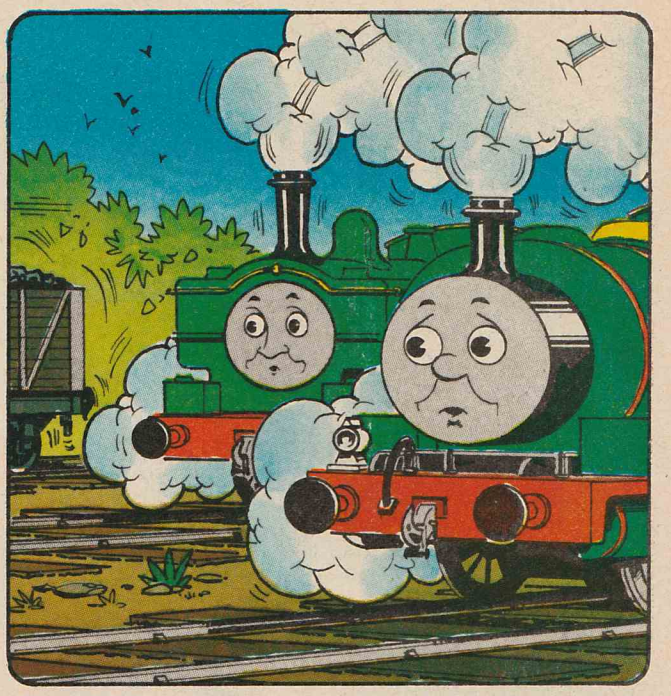
5. "Come along, come along," coaxes Percy as he pulls his trucks out of their siding. "Let's go, let's go," Duck often sings to encourage his troublesome trucks.



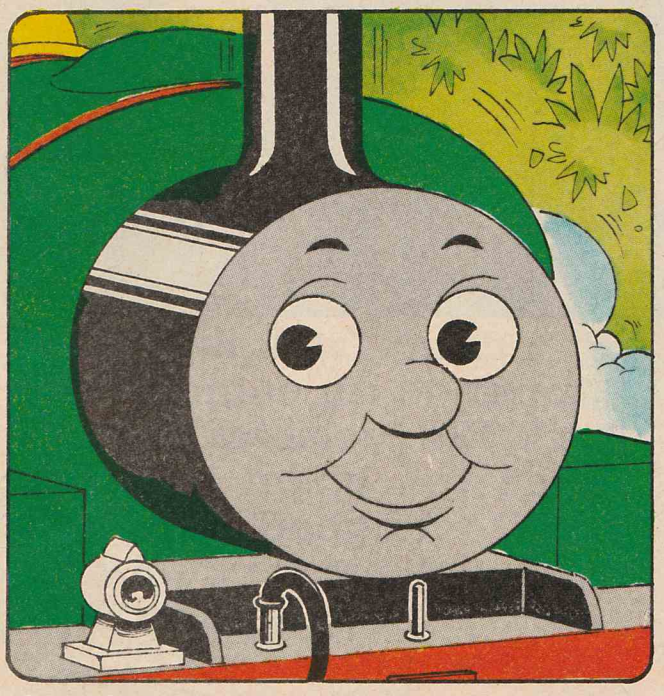
6. Diesel on the other hand is an engine of a different nature. "What these trucks need is a really good bumping!" he hisses. "Let them know what's what!"



7. **Bump! Bump!** "Get a move on you trucks!" cried Diesel. "**Ow! Ow!**" complain the trucks. "We're not going to move! We're not going to move!" they insist.



8. "I'll get you going," said Diesel, and he bumped them hard again. "Dear, oh dear," sighed Duck to Percy one day. "Diesel is too rough with those trucks."



9. "I'd have thought he'd learned his lesson," said Percy. "Don't you remember the time he bumped those trucks into the sea? The Fat Controller was angry."

10. One day as usual, Diesel was bumping his trucks about the yard. All of a sudden he felt a crunching feeling! "Oh help!" he cried. "Something's wrong!"

11. "What's all the fuss?" asked Percy, who was passing by. "I don't know," said Diesel, "but I don't feel right at all! I'm not well!" Diesel's driver and guard came down to take a look at the damage. Percy's driver went to look too. He could not believe his eyes! With all the bumping, Diesel had broken his own buffers!

12. "I didn't think that could happen to an engine!" said Duck. "He broke his buffers?" "Don't you mean his 'bumpers'?" laughed Percy. "I don't suppose it could happen to just any engine!" Poor Diesel was at the works for a whole week, but it was a lot longer than that before Duck and Percy let him forget his careless accident.

THE END

In our next issue: The Express!

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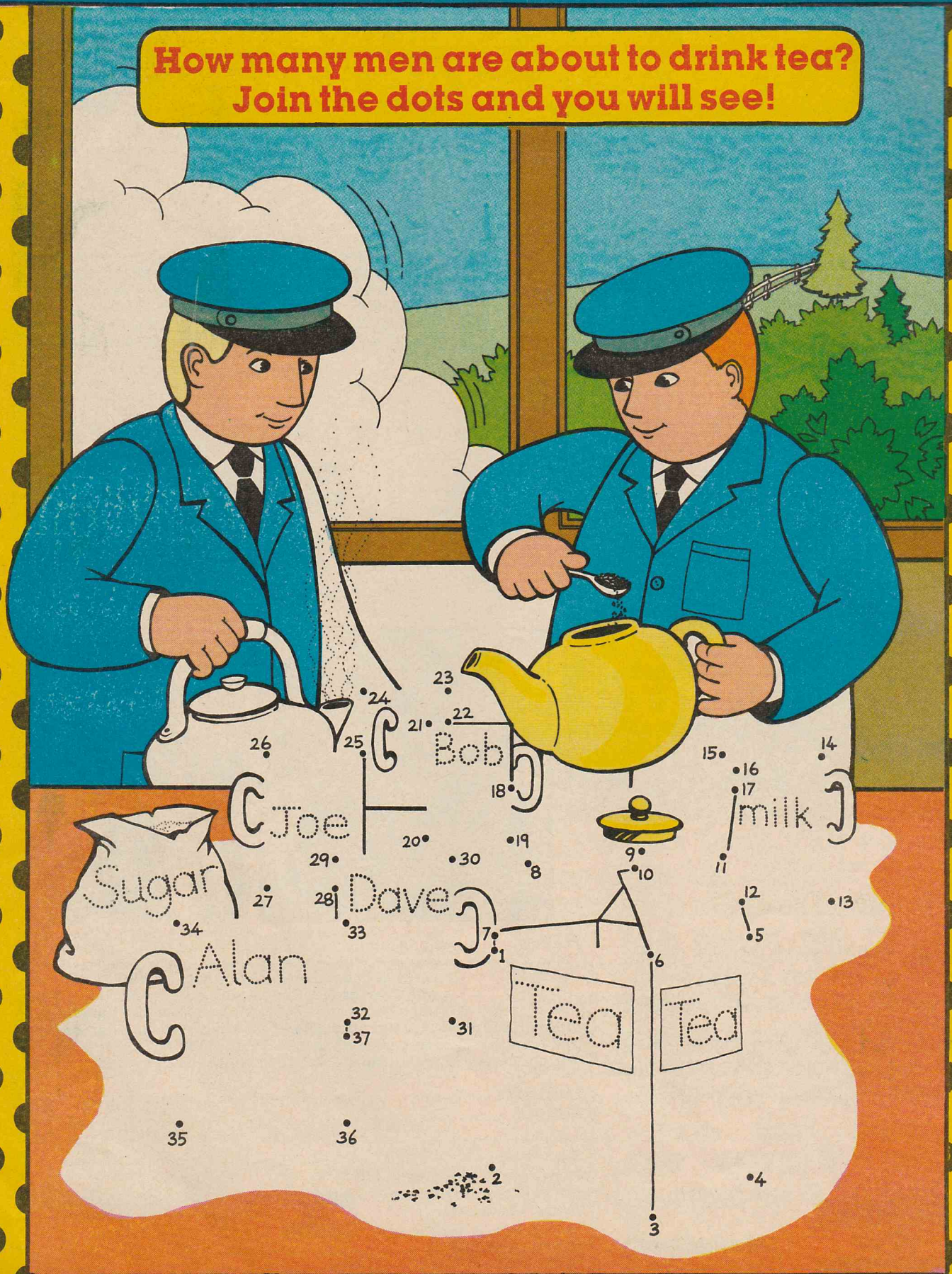
How many men are about to drink tea?
Join the dots and you will see!



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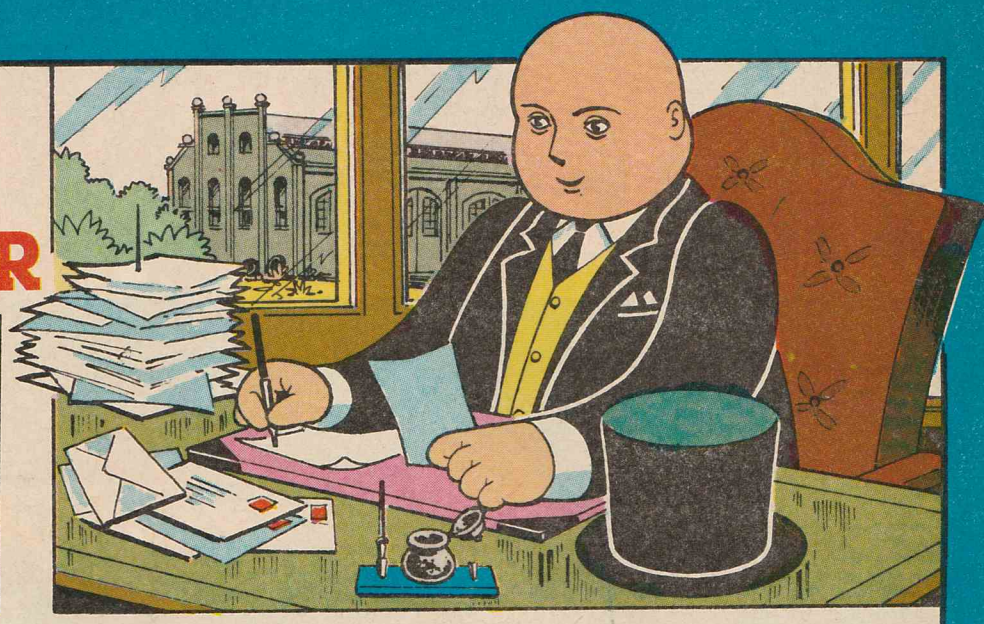

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
My name is Thomas and I love all of your engines, especially **Thomas the Tank Engine!** When I eat my cornflakes, I pretend that my spoon is an engine and my mouth is a tunnel – that helps me eat them all up!

Lots of love from **Thomas**, aged 2.

Gracious me... *what a splendid idea! I expect that you quite look forward to your breakfast time now!*

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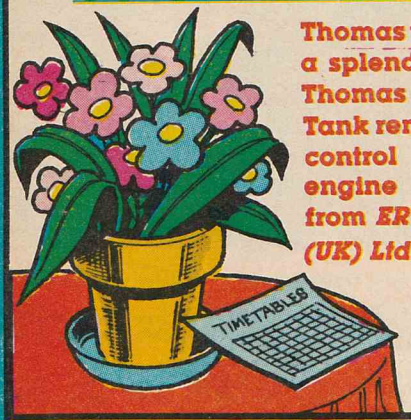

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A PLACE TO REST!

Dear Fat Controller,
Where does Harold the Helicopter go at night – does he have a shed, just like your engines?

From **Trevor**, aged 5.

When Harold the Helicopter has finished his day's work he goes back to the airstrip for a good night's rest. On a clear, warm night he usually rests out in the open fields, but sometimes when the weather is very bad or windy he is put in an aircraft hangar. This keeps him safe and warm until morning!

MAKING MASKS!

Dear Fat Controller,
My Daddy has helped me to make three masks! They are of Gordon, James and Edward. Now my two little sisters and I can play at being engines!

Love from **Brendhain**.
Mem. no. 32840

Well, well... *what a splended time all three of you must have! I do hope that you'll continue making masks of the other engines, and me too!*

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the Fat Controller.

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Which engine can you see?

Is he above or below the children?

How many rabbits can you see?

What is Edward looking up at?

What colour is it?

What else is in the sky

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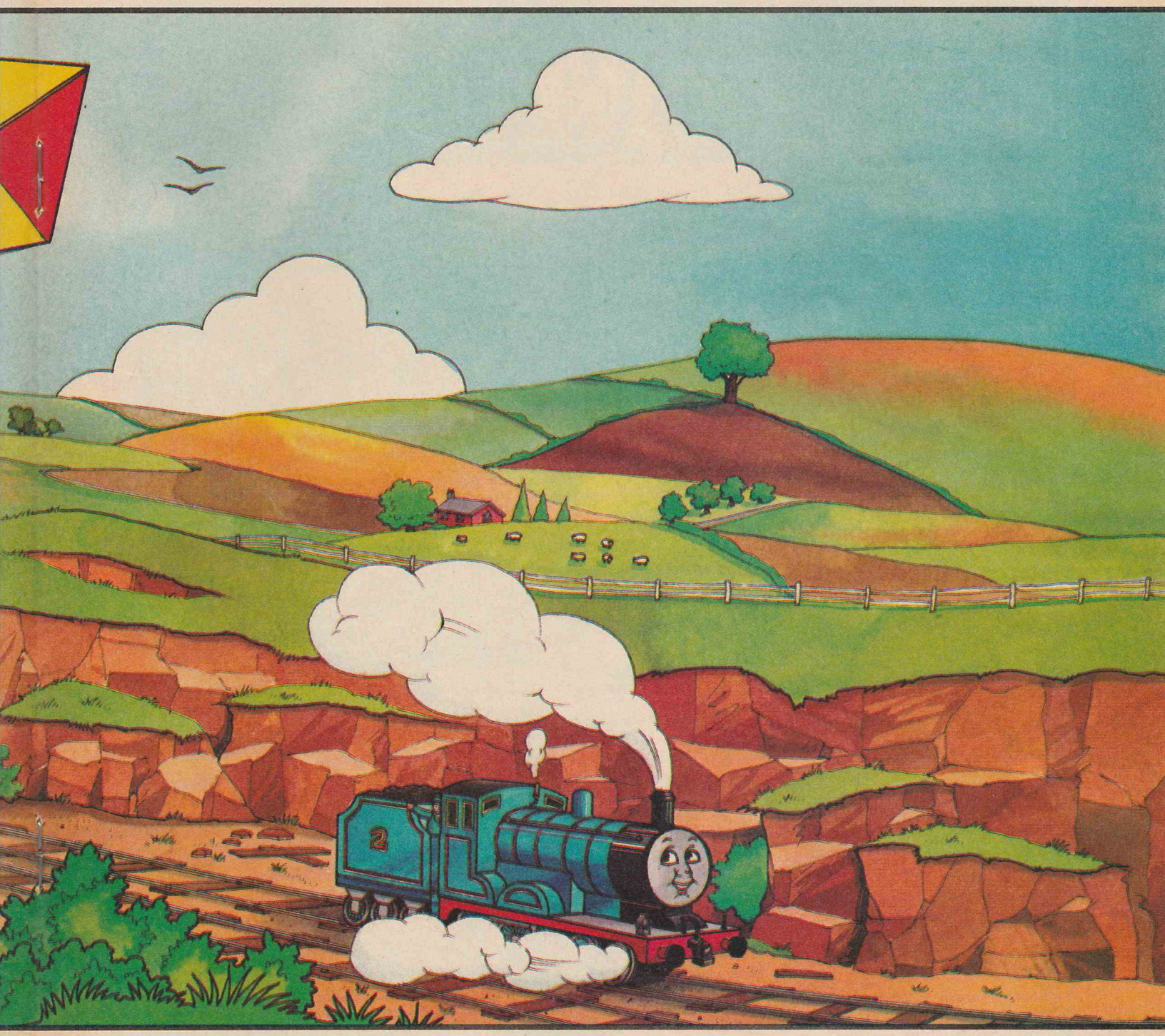

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Next issue: Past the cottages!

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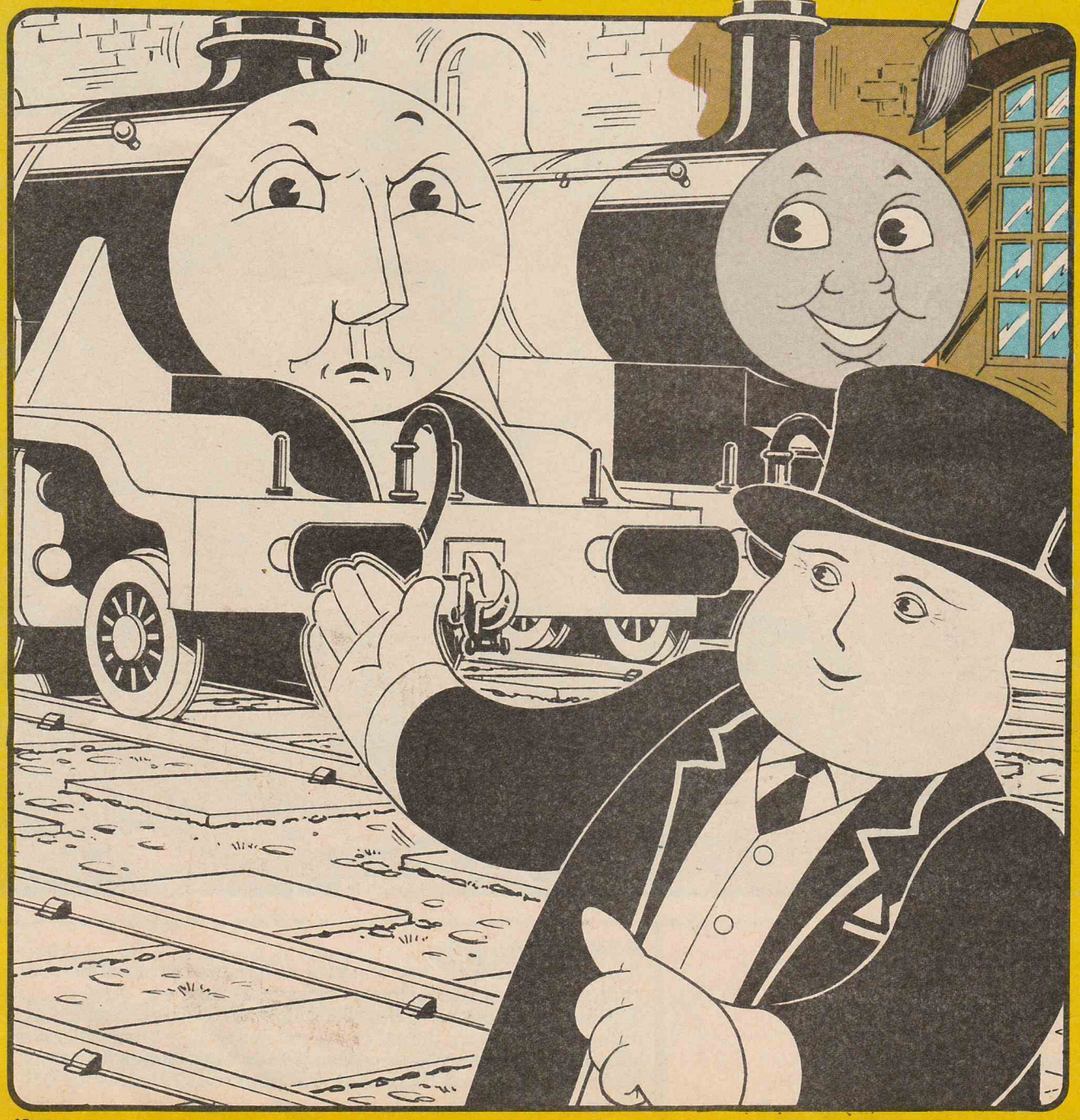

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A read-aloud story!

Wrong Order

One day Daisy, the diesel railcar, was waiting to leave the station to take her seaside run. It wasn't quite time for her to leave yet, but she was feeling impatient.

"It's high time I was on my way," said Daisy. "I can't be sitting around these stations all day long, you know! I have to go to the seaside!"

Bill and Ben, the tank engine twins, laughed together.

"You're funny, Daisy!" said Bill.

"That's what comes of being so highly sprung," added Ben.

"Pah!" huffed Daisy. "You're just jealous, because I'm thoroughly modern and bang up to date!"

"I'm surprised you haven't had a bang up to date!" joked Bill. "You're so impatient!"

"I don't have to stay here and listen to this!" said Daisy. "I'm ready to leave and leave I shall!"

"I wouldn't do that if I were you," said Ben. "We're supposed to leave before you, Daisy!"

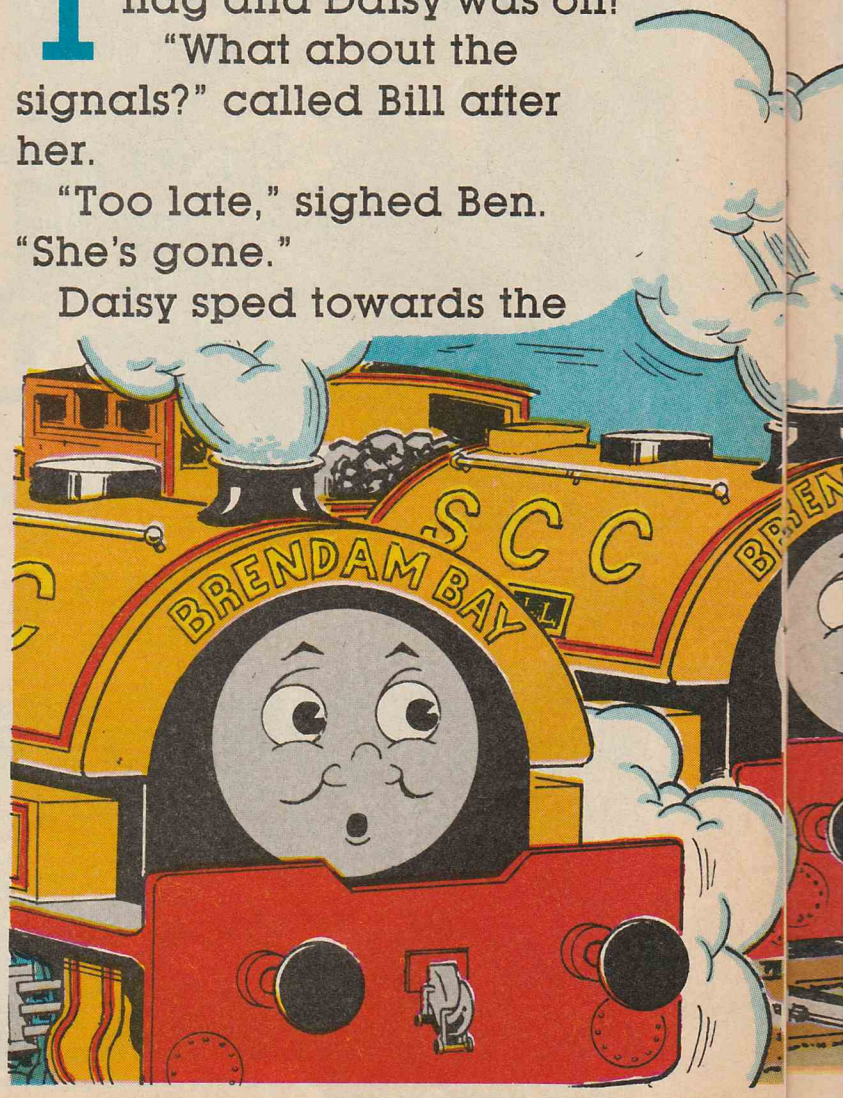
"I don't care," said Daisy, with a PIP on her whistle.

The guard waved his flag and Daisy was off!

"What about the signals?" called Bill after her.

"Too late," sighed Ben. "She's gone."

Daisy sped towards the



junction. She was still cross with Bill and Ben for being so rude!

Up in the junction signal box were Bob and Dave. They had set the points for Bill and Ben.

"Wasn't that Daisy who just sped by?" asked Dave.

"Don't be silly," said Bob. "Bill and Ben's train comes before Daisy. Daisy should be along shortly!"

"Perhaps I wasn't looking properly," said Dave. "I'll switch over for Daisy now."

Off went Daisy along the branch line.

"This doesn't look like the way to the seaside," Daisy exclaimed. "I don't remember this part of the line!"

Then Daisy came round a bend and she realised where she was. She was up at the clay pits! Her passengers were very cross! That was where Bill and Ben were supposed to be going! What do you think happened to Bill and Ben?

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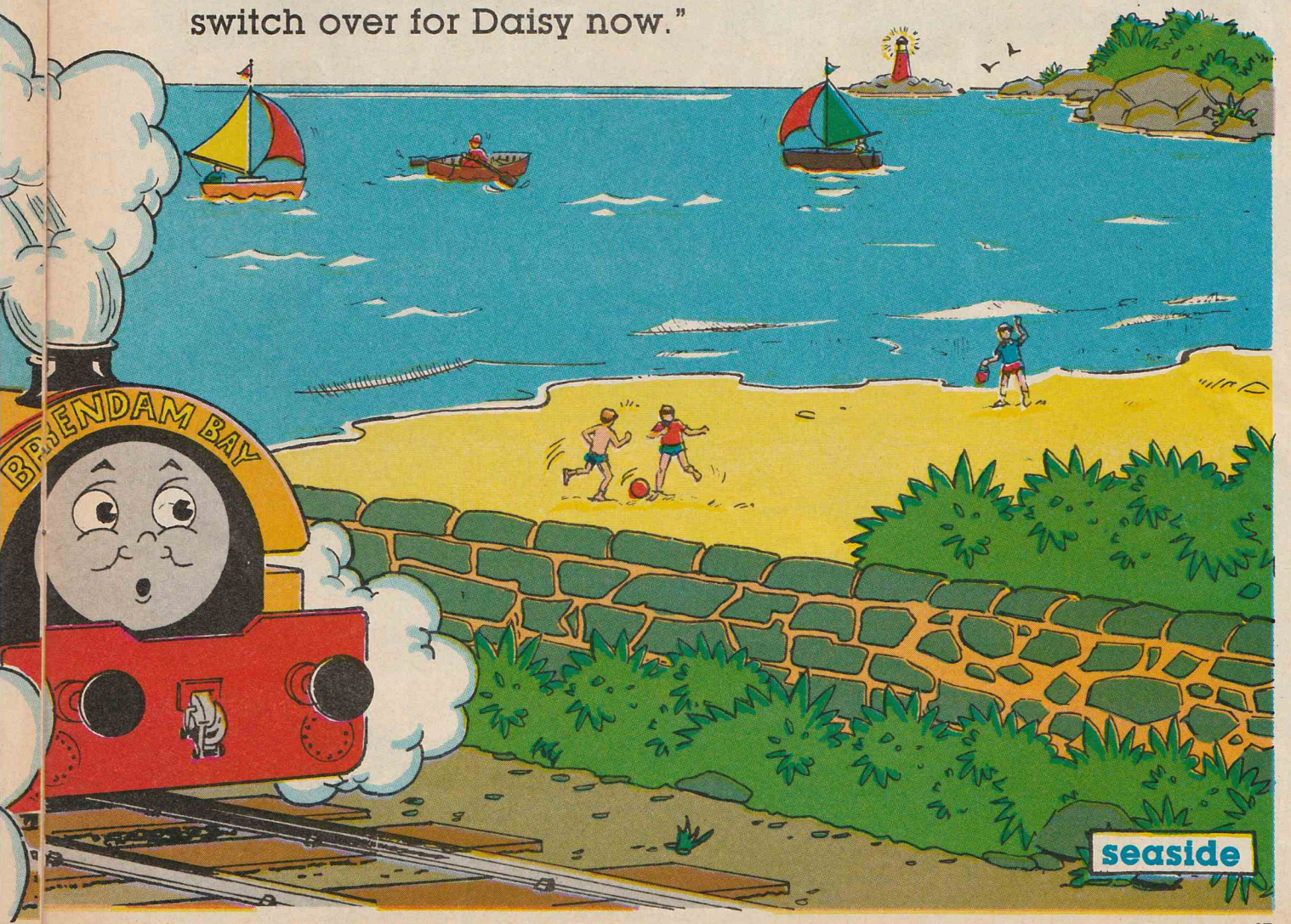

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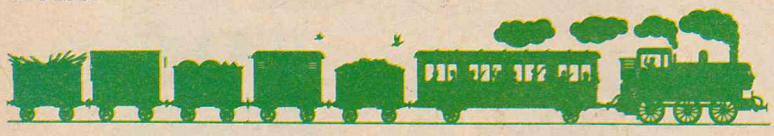

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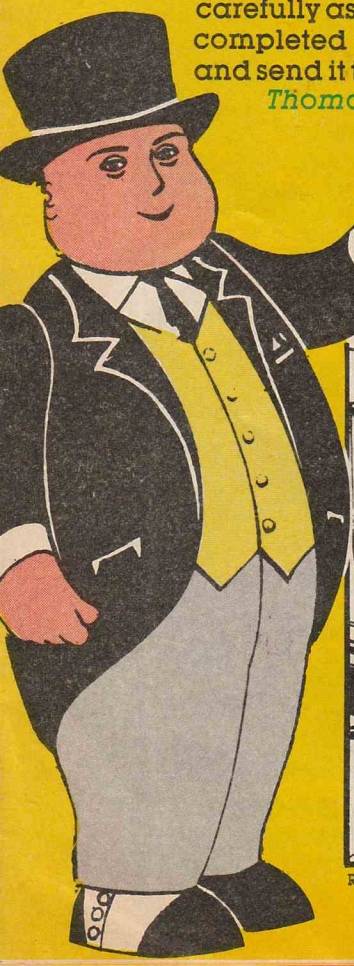

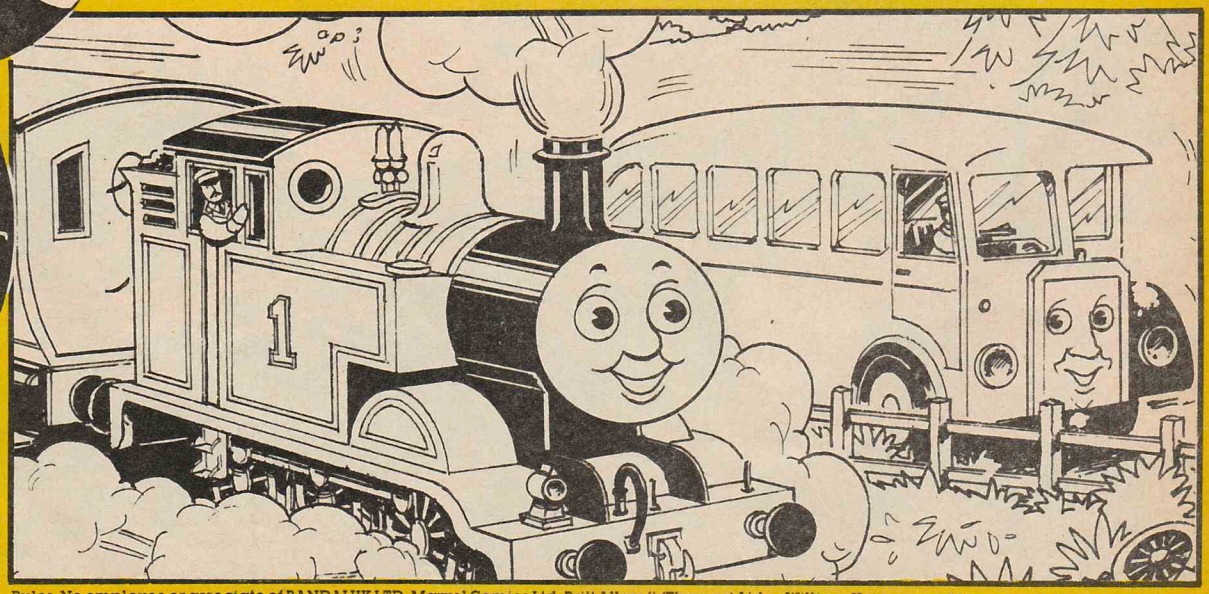

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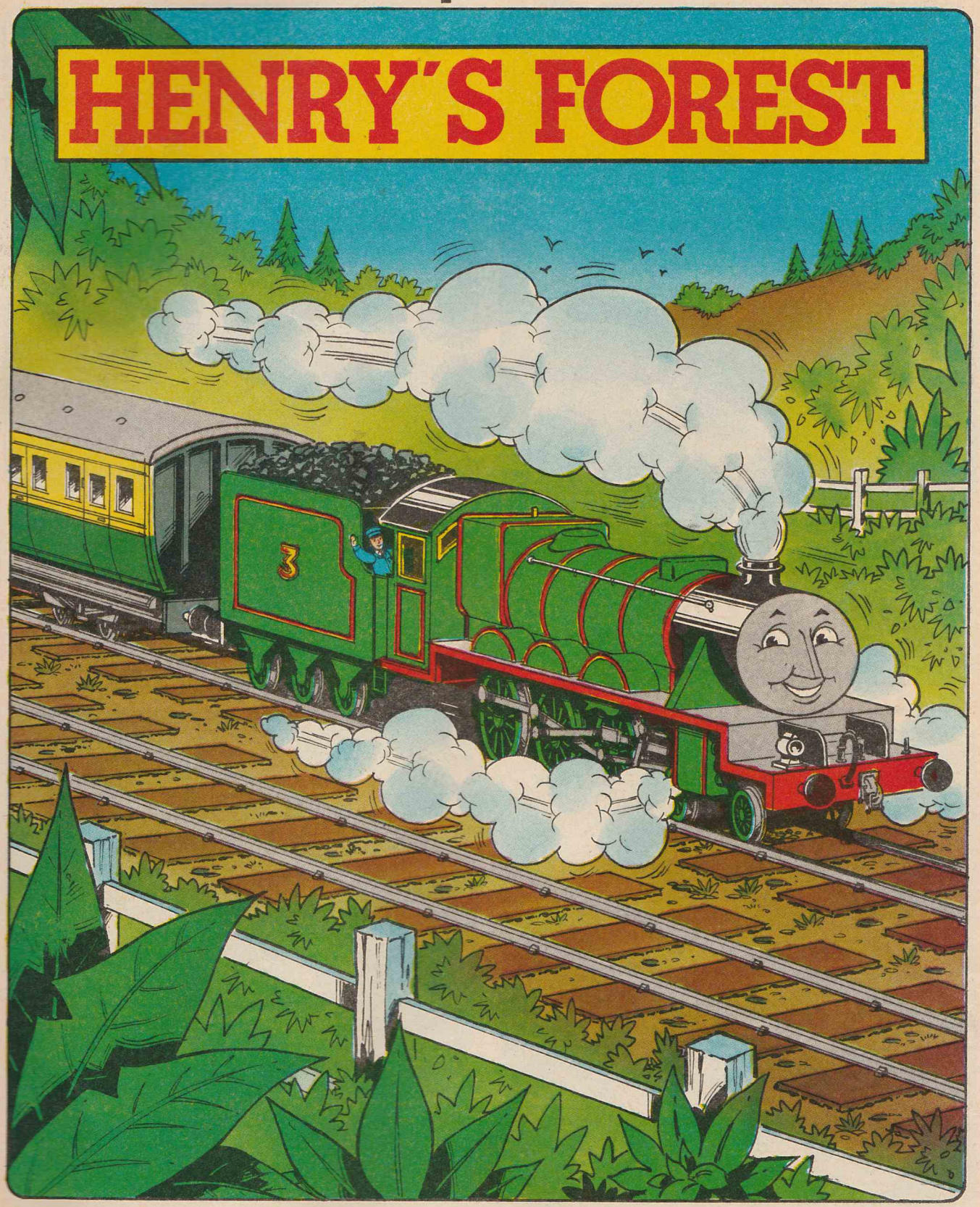
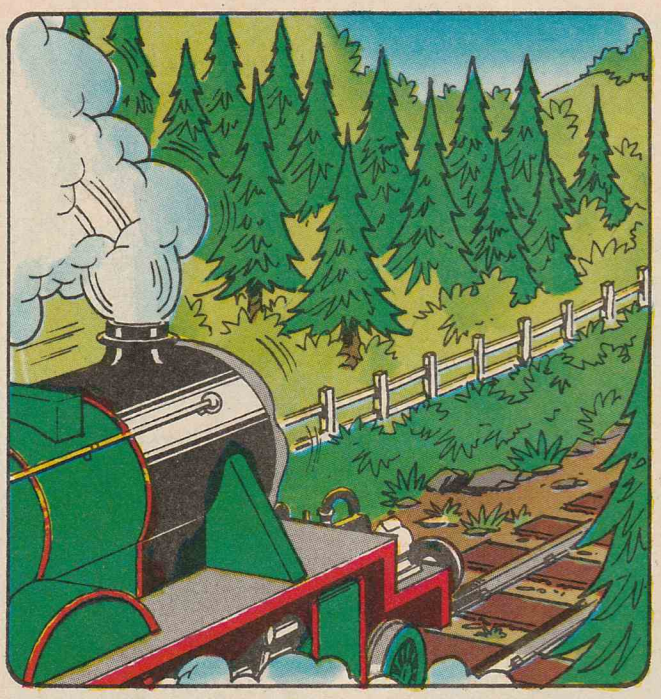
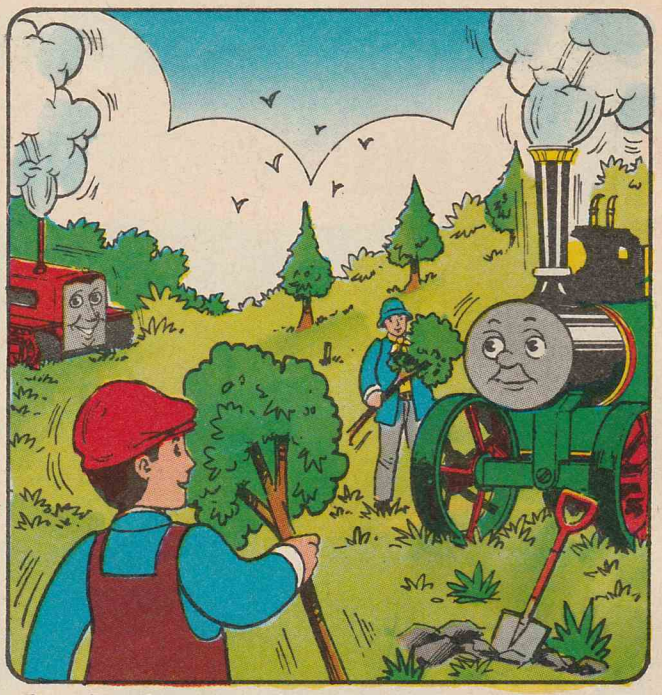


1. Henry lives on the Island of Sodor. He is a very fast engine who often pulls the Express, much to Gordon's annoyance. He is a Really Useful Engine indeed.

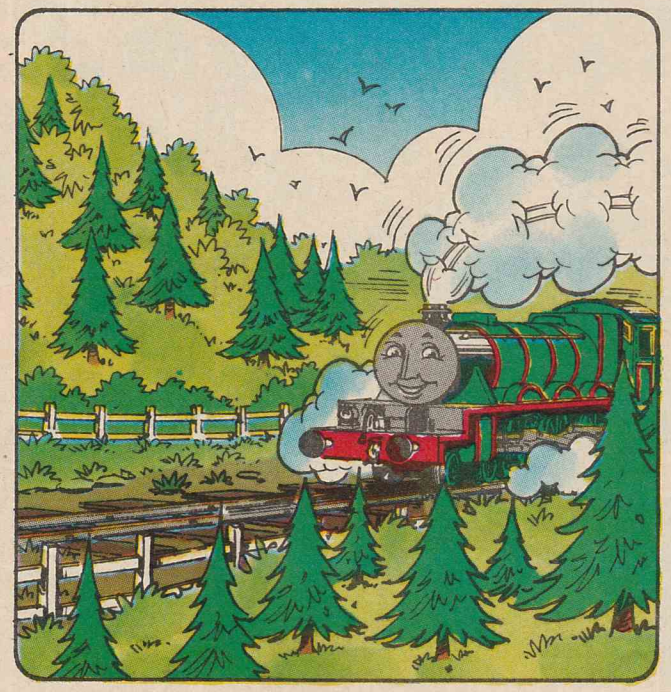
2. He has seen many things change on the Island of Sodor. He remembers when there were no diesel engines before the Big Harbour was built.



3. One of Henry's favourite places is the forest of pine trees which he passes when he pulls the Express. Henry can remember when the forest was being planted.

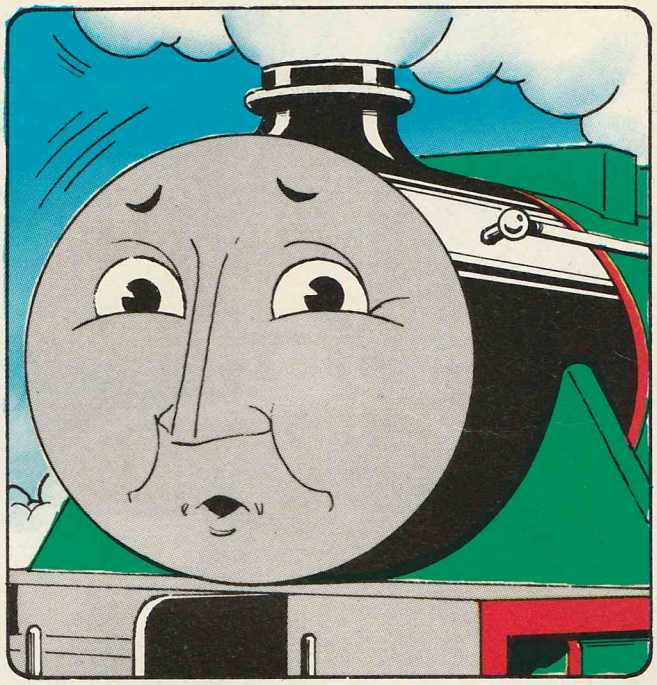


4. A long time ago some men came to plant trees in the hillside. Terence the Tractor and Trevor the Traction Engine had come to help with the heavy work.



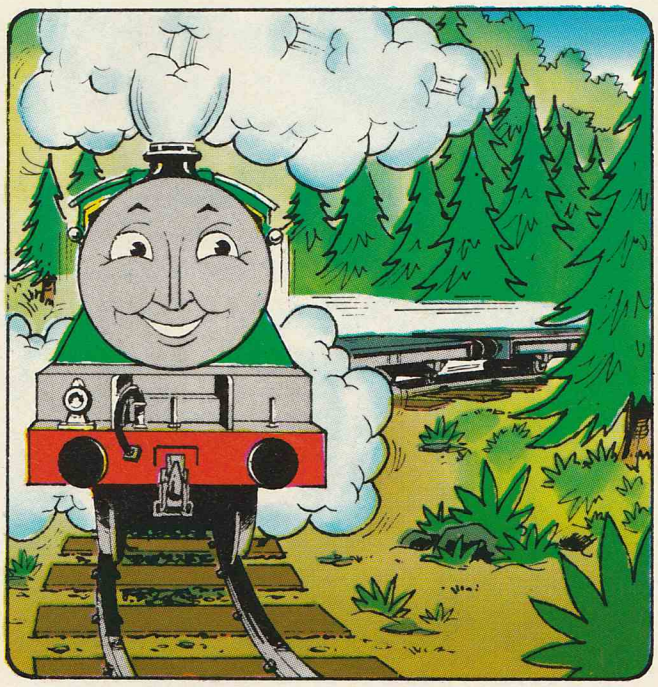
5. The hills had looked very bare for a while, even after the tiny new trees had been planted. It looked rather peculiar to see the straight rows over the rolling hills.

6. But as time passed by the trees grew and grew, until they covered all of the hills. Now there is a fine forest of magnificent, strong trees.

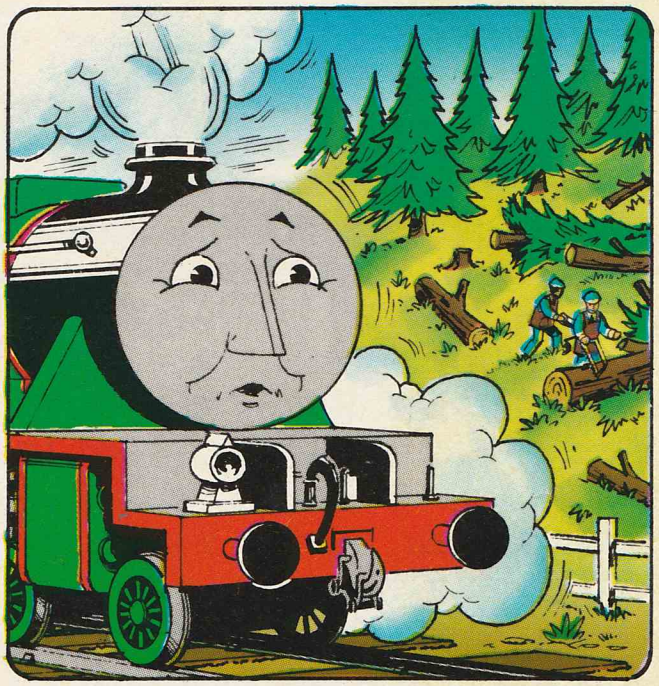


7. One day when Henry was passing through the forest he heard a terrible noise. "What's that?" asked Henry. "Somebody is cutting down trees," replied his driver.

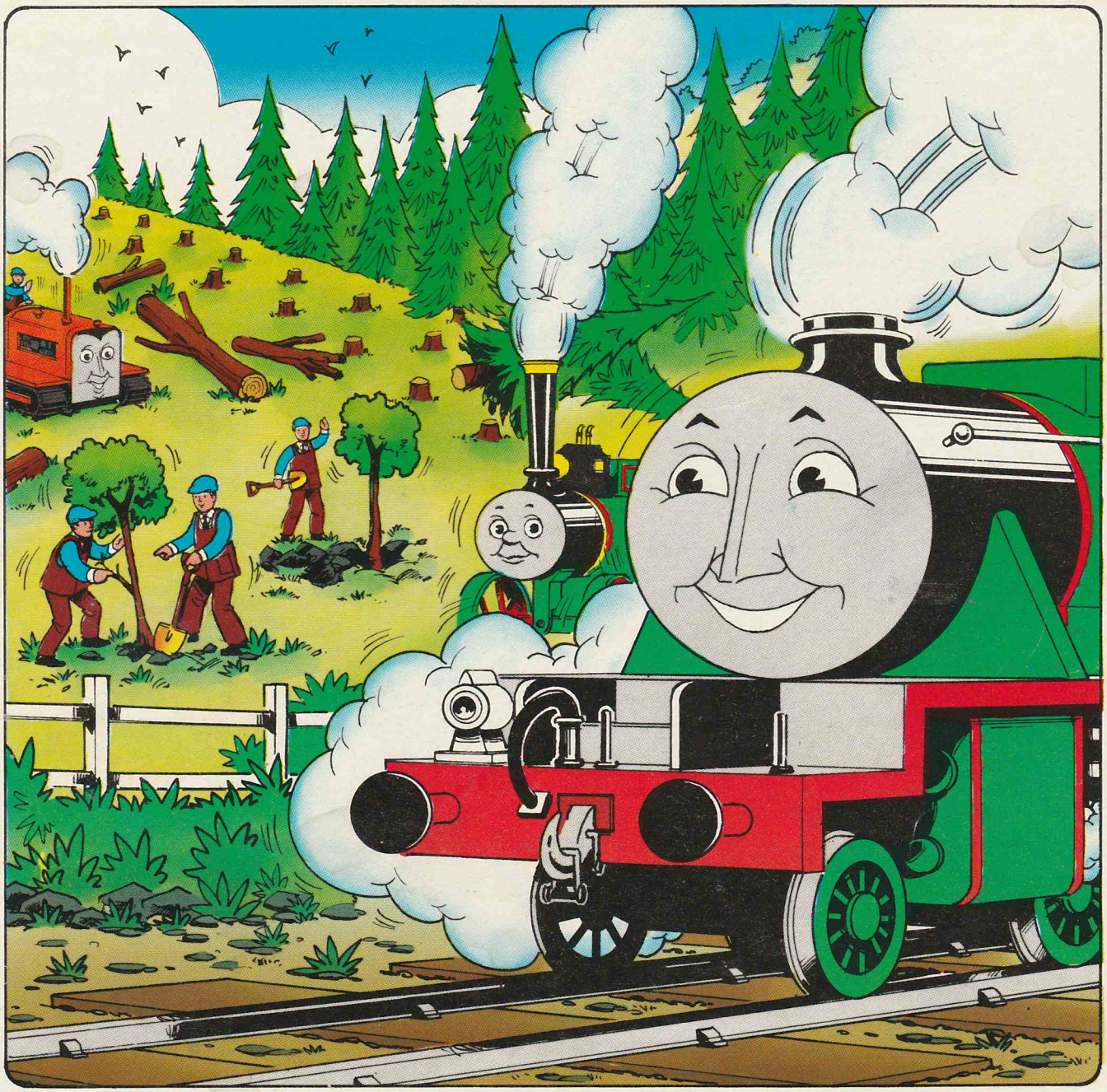
8. "Cutting them down!" said Henry. "But why?" Henry was very surprised. "To make furniture and new sleepers for your rails," explained his driver.



9. The next day Henry was sent out to the forest with a train of flat trucks. "We are going to help the men clear away the timber," Henry's driver told him.



10. Henry felt sad. Where there had been tall forest now looked so bare. The logs were cleared of branches and then loaded onto the flat trucks.



11. Henry took the huge logs to a lumbermill to be cut into planks. Henry was glad the wood was being put to good use, but he was still sad to lose part of his forest. Of course the men hadn't cut it all down, there were lots of trees still left. The next day as Henry went through the forest, he saw men working there again.

12. They were clearing the stumps away and the branches from the trees. Terence and Trevor were helping. "That's the same thing they did when they were first planting the forest," said Henry. "That's right," said his driver. "They will plant new trees there now." Henry **was** happy. He hadn't lost his lovely forest after all.

THE END

In our next issue: A passenger for James!